Wedding photography agreement

> This is a starting point, not legal advice. Laws differ by state and country. Have a lawyer licensed where you work review it before you use it.

1. The couple and the wedding

This agreement is between _____ (photographer or business name) ("the Photographer") and _____ (partner 1 full name) and _____ (partner 2 full name) ("the Couple"). It is dated _____ (date). The wedding is on _____ (wedding date), with the ceremony at _____ (ceremony location) and the reception at _____ (reception location).

2. Coverage

The Photographer will photograph the wedding from _____ (start time) to _____ (end time), without a break in coverage, starting at _____ (first location). Travel between locations on the day is part of this time. The Couple will send a schedule and a list of family photos at least _____ (number) days before the wedding, with one contact for the day: _____ (name and phone).

3. Fee, retainer and balance

The fee is $_____ (amount), plus any sales tax that applies. A retainer of $_____ (amount) is due at signing and counts toward the fee. The date is theirs once this agreement is signed and the retainer is paid. From then on the Photographer turns away other work for that day, so the retainer is kept unless this agreement says it is refunded. The balance of $_____ (amount) is due by _____ (date). If the balance is still unpaid _____ (number) days after a written reminder, the Photographer may treat the booking as cancelled by the Couple.

4. Extra time on the day

If the day runs behind, the Couple may ask the Photographer to stay. Extra time costs $_____ (amount) per ☐ 30 minutes ☐ hour, is added to the final bill, and depends on the Photographer being able to stay. Without extra time, coverage ends at the time in section 2, even if part of the day has not happened yet.

5. If the date changes

The Couple may move the wedding to one new date if they tell the Photographer in writing at least _____ (number) days before the wedding and the Photographer is free. Everything already paid moves to the new date. If the Photographer is not free that day, section 6 applies.

6. If the Couple cancels

The Couple may cancel in writing at any time. The Photographer keeps the retainer. If the Couple cancels fewer than _____ (number) days before the wedding, they also owe _____ (number) percent of the balance. Anything paid above those amounts is returned within _____ (number) days.

7. If the Photographer cannot be there

If illness, injury or an emergency keeps the Photographer away, they will tell the Couple as soon as they can and try to find a replacement whose work is similar. The Couple may say no. If they say no, or nobody is found, the Photographer returns everything paid, retainer included, within _____ (number) days. The same refund applies if the Photographer cancels for any other reason.

8. Photos and delivery

The Couple will receive at least _____ (number) edited photos in an online gallery within _____ (number) weeks of the wedding, once the balance is paid. The gallery stays open for _____ (number) months, and the Couple should save and back up their photos before it closes. The Photographer uses the family list and schedule as a guide and works to cover them, but no single photo can be promised on a live day.

9. Editing and original files

The Photographer selects and edits the photos in the style of their portfolio. Color and exposure correction are included. Detailed retouching costs $_____ (amount) per photo. RAW files, unedited photos and photos the Photographer leaves out are not delivered. The Photographer keeps a copy of the delivered photos for _____ (number) months.

10. Copyright and personal use

The Photographer owns the copyright in the photos. Once the fee is paid, the Couple may print them, share them with family and friends and post them on their own accounts, for personal use and with no time limit. Selling the photos, entering them in contests, or letting a business use them needs the Photographer's written permission.

11. Portfolio and privacy

The Couple ☐ agrees ☐ does not agree that the Photographer may show photos from the wedding in a portfolio, on a website and social media, and to vendors who worked that day. Not to be shared:

_____ (people or moments to keep private, or "none"). The Couple may ask in writing for a photo to be taken down from the Photographer's own pages, and the Photographer will remove it within _____ (number) days.

12. Responsibility, events outside control and the agreement

The Photographer will bring _____ (backup equipment) and copy the files within _____ (number) hours of the wedding. If equipment fails or files are lost, the Photographer refunds a fair share of the fee for the photos that are missing, and the most they can owe for any reason is the amount the Couple has paid, as far as the law allows. If an event nobody controls stops the wedding, payments move to a new date within _____ (number) months. If no date works, the Photographer refunds ☐ all payments ☐ all payments except the retainer. This is the whole agreement. Changes must be in writing. If one part cannot be enforced, the rest still applies. The laws of _____ (state or country) apply.

Photographer	Partner 1	Partner 2
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Signature _____	Signature _____	Signature _____
Date _____	Date _____	Date _____

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